

Today's
Advertisements.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

A SPOON COMPETITION will be held at 3.30 P.M. on FRIDAY, the 5th August, 1898. RANGES 200, 300 and 400 yards. 5 SHOTS and one Slight at each Range. ENTRANCE FEE 30 CENTS. ALL SHOOTING MEMBERS are requested to attend in view of a series of matches which are being arranged. GENTLEMEN wishing to JOIN the Association are requested to SEND their NAMES to the Undersecretary.

M. S. NORTHCOTE,
Hon. Sec.Hongkong Club,
5th August, 1898.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

M. R. GEO. P. LAMBERT has received instructions from a mortgagee to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION,

ON FRIDAY, the 19th August, 1898.

at 3 P.M.

at his Auction Rooms.

All and singular the right title, share, estate and interest of LI CHUNG PUI to and in the Estates of LI YUEN KONG and LI LAONG deceased. And particularly all the right title, share, estate and interest of the said LI CHUNG PUI to and in the Leasehold premises in Hongkong registered in the Land Office as the Remains of Part of SECTION 7 of MARINE LOT 54 and MARINE LOT 17 B, 17 C, 17 D, 17 E, 17 F, 17 G, 17 H, 17 I, 17 J, 17 K, 17 L, 17 M, 17 N, 17 O, 17 P, 17 Q, 17 R, 17 S, 17 T, 17 U, 17 V, 17 W, 17 X, 17 Y, 17 Z, 17 AA, 17 AB, 17 AC, 17 AD, 17 AE, 17 AF, 17 AG, 17 AH, 17 AI, 17 AJ, 17 AK, 17 AL, 17 AM, 17 AN, 17 AO, 17 AP, 17 AQ, 17 AR, 17 AS, 17 AT, 17 AU, 17 AV, 17 AW, 17 AX, 17 AY, 17 AZ, 17 BA, 17 BB, 17 BC, 17 BD, 17 BE, 17 BF, 17 BG, 17 BH, 17 BI, 17 BJ, 17 BK, 17 BL, 17 BM, 17 BN, 17 BO, 17 BP, 17 BQ, 17 BR, 17 BS, 17 BT, 17 BU, 17 BV, 17 BW, 17 BX, 17 BY, 17 BZ, 17 CA, 17 CB, 17 CC, 17 CD, 17 CE, 17 CF, 17 CG, 17 CH, 17 CI, 17 CJ, 17 CK, 17 CL, 17 CM, 17 CN, 17 CO, 17 CP, 17 CQ, 17 CR, 17 CS, 17 CT, 17 CU, 17 CV, 17 CW, 17 CX, 17 CY, 17 CZ, 17 DA, 17 DB, 17 DC, 17 DD, 17 DE, 17 DF, 17 DG, 17 DH, 17 DI, 17 DJ, 17 DK, 17 DL, 17 DM, 17 DN, 17 DO, 17 DP, 17 DQ, 17 DR, 17 DS, 17 DT, 17 DU, 17 DV, 17 DW, 17 DX, 17 DY, 17 DZ, 17 EA, 17 EB, 17 EC, 17 ED, 17 EE, 17 EF, 17 EG, 17 EH, 17 EI, 17 EJ, 17 EK, 17 EL, 17 EM, 17 EN, 17 EO, 17 EP, 17 EQ, 17 ER, 17 ES, 17 ET, 17 EU, 17 EV, 17 EW, 17 EX, 17 EY, 17 EZ, 17 FA, 17 FB, 17 FC, 17 FD, 17 FE, 17 FF, 17 FG, 17 FH, 17 FI, 17 FJ, 17 FK, 17 FL, 17 FM, 17 FN, 17 FO, 17 FP, 17 FQ, 17 FR, 17 FS, 17 FT, 17 FU, 17 FV, 17 FW, 17 FX, 17 FY, 17 FZ, 17 GA, 17 GB, 17 GC, 17 GD, 17 GE, 17 GF, 17 GG, 17 GH, 17 GI, 17 GJ, 17 GK, 17 GL, 17 GM, 17 GN, 17 GO, 17 GP, 17 GQ, 17 GR, 17 GS, 17 GT, 17 GU, 17 GV, 17 GW, 17 GX, 17 GY, 17 GZ, 17 HA, 17 HB, 17 HC, 17 HD, 17 HE, 17 HF, 17 HG, 17 HH, 17 HI, 17 HJ, 17 HK, 17 HL, 17 HM, 17 HN, 17 HO, 17 HP, 17 HQ, 17 HR, 17 HS, 17 HT, 17 HU, 17 HV, 17 HW, 17 HX, 17 HY, 17 HZ, 17 IA, 17 IB, 17 IC, 17 ID, 17 IE, 17 IF, 17 IG, 17 IH, 17 II, 17 IJ, 17 IK, 17 IL, 17 IM, 17 IN, 17 IO, 17 IP, 17 IQ, 17 IR, 17 IS, 17 IT, 17 IU, 17 IV, 17 IW, 17 IX, 17 IY, 17 IZ, 17 JA, 17 JB, 17 JC, 17 JD, 17 JE, 17 JF, 17 JG, 17 JH, 17 JI, 17 JJ, 17 JK, 17 JL, 17 JM, 17 JN, 17 JO, 17 JP, 17 JQ, 17 JR, 17 JS, 17 JT, 17 JU, 17 JV, 17 JW, 17 JX, 17 JY, 17 JZ, 17 KA, 17 KB, 17 KC, 17 KD, 17 KE, 17 KF, 17 KG, 17 KH, 17 KI, 17 KJ, 17 KK, 17 KL, 17 KM, 17 KN, 17 KO, 17 KP, 17 KQ, 17 KR, 17 KS, 17 KT, 17 KU, 17 KV, 17 KW, 17 KX, 17 KY, 17 KZ, 17 LA, 17 LB, 17 LC, 17 LD, 17 LE, 17 LF, 17 LG, 17 LH, 17 LI, 17 LJ, 17 LK, 17 LL, 17 LM, 17 LN, 17 LO, 17 LP, 17 LQ, 17 LR, 17 LS, 17 LT, 17 LU, 17 LV, 17 LW, 17 LX, 17 LY, 17 LZ, 17 MA, 17 MB, 17 MC, 17 MD, 17 ME, 17 MF, 17 MG, 17 MH, 17 MI, 17 MJ, 17 MK, 17 ML, 17 MM, 17 MN, 17 MO, 17 MP, 17 MQ, 17 MR, 17 MS, 17 MT, 17 MU, 17 MV, 17 MW, 17 MX, 17 MY, 17 MZ, 17 NA, 17 NB, 17 NC, 17 ND, 17 NE, 17 NF, 17 NG, 17 NH, 17 NI, 17 NJ, 17 NK, 17 NL, 17 NM, 17 NN, 17 NO, 17 NP, 17 NQ, 17 NR, 17 NS, 17 NT, 17 NU, 17 NV, 17 NW, 17 NX, 17 NY, 17 NZ, 17 OA, 17 OB, 17 OC, 17 OD, 17 OE, 17 OF, 17 OG, 17 OH, 17 OI, 17 OJ, 17 OK, 17 OL, 17 OM, 17 ON, 17 OO, 17 OP, 17 OQ, 17 OR, 17 OS, 17 OT, 17 OU, 17 OV, 17 OW, 17 OX, 17 OY, 17 OZ, 17 PA, 17 PB, 17 PC, 17 PD, 17 PE, 17 PF, 17 PG, 17 PH, 17 PI, 17 PJ, 17 PK, 17 PL, 17 PM, 17 PN, 17 PO, 17 PP, 17 PQ, 17 PR, 17 PS, 17 PT, 17 PU, 17 PV, 17 PW, 17 PX, 17 PY, 17 PZ, 17 QA, 17 QB, 17 QC, 17 QD, 17 QE, 17 QF, 17 QG, 17 QH, 17 QI, 17 QJ, 17 QK, 17 QL, 17 QM, 17 QN, 17 QO, 17 QP, 17 QQ, 17 QR, 17 QS, 17 QT, 17 QU, 17 QV, 17 QW, 17 QX, 17 QY, 17 QZ, 17 RA, 17 RB, 17 RC, 17 RD, 17 RE, 17 RF, 17 RG, 17 RH, 17 RI, 17 RJ, 17 RK, 17 RL, 17 RM, 17 RN, 17 RO, 17 RP, 17 RQ, 17 RR, 17 RS, 17 RT, 17 RU, 17 RV, 17 RW, 17 RX, 17 RY, 17 RZ, 17 SA, 17 SB, 17 SC, 17 SD, 17 SE, 17 SF, 17 SG, 17 SH, 17 SI, 17 SJ, 17 SK, 17 SL, 17 SM, 17 SN, 17 SO, 17 SP, 17 SQ, 17 SR, 17 SS, 17 ST, 17 SU, 17 SV, 17 SW, 17 SX, 17 SY, 17 SZ, 17 TA, 17 TB, 17 TC, 17 TD, 17 TE, 17 TF, 17 TG, 17 TH, 17 TI, 17 TJ, 17 TK, 17 TL, 17 TM, 17 TN, 17 TO, 17 TP, 17 TQ, 17 TR, 17 TS, 17 TT, 17 TU, 17 TV, 17 TW, 17 TX, 17 TY, 17 TZ, 17 UA, 17 UB, 17 UC, 17 UD, 17 UE, 17 UF, 17 UG, 17 UH, 17 UI, 17 UJ, 17 UK, 17 UL, 17 UM, 17 UN, 17 UO, 17 UP, 17 UQ, 17 UR, 17 US, 17 UT, 17 UY, 17 UZ, 17 VA, 17 VB, 17 VC, 17 VD, 17 VE, 17 VF, 17 VG, 17 VH, 17 VI, 17 VJ, 17 VK, 17 VL, 17 VM, 17 VN, 17 VO, 17 VP, 17 VQ, 17 VR, 17 VS, 17 VT, 17 VU, 17 VV, 17 VW, 17 VX, 17 VY, 17 VZ, 17 WA, 17 WB, 17 WC, 17 WD, 17 WE, 17 WF, 17 WG, 17 WH, 17 WI, 17 WJ, 17 WK, 17 WL, 17 WM, 17 WN, 17 WO, 17 WP, 17 WQ, 17 WR, 17 WS, 17 WT, 17 WU, 17 WV, 17 WW, 17 WX, 17 WY, 17 WZ, 17 XA, 17 XB, 17 XC, 17 XD, 17 XE, 17 XF, 17 XG, 17 XH, 17 XI, 17 XJ, 17 XK, 17 XL, 17 XM, 17 XN, 17 XO, 17 XP, 17 XQ, 17 XR, 17 XS, 17 XT, 17 XU, 17 XV, 17 XW, 17 XX, 17 XY, 17 XZ, 17 YA, 17 YB, 17 YC, 17 YD, 17 YE, 17 YF, 17 YG, 17 YH, 17 YI, 17 YJ, 17 YK, 17 YL, 17 YM, 17 YN, 17 YO, 17 YP, 17 YQ, 17 YR, 17 YS, 17 YT, 17 YU, 17 YV, 17 YW, 17 YX, 17 YY, 17 YZ, 17 ZA, 17 ZB, 17 ZC, 17 ZD, 17 ZE, 17 ZF, 17 ZG, 17 ZH, 17 ZI, 17 ZJ, 17 ZK, 17 ZL, 17 ZM, 17 ZN, 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C. EWENS,
Solicitor for the Mortgagee.

Hongkong, 5th August, 1898.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship.

"HAILONG,"

Captain Robson will be despatched for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 6th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 5th August, 1898.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship.

"HAITAN,"

Captain Hall will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 5th instant, at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage apply to

DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 5th August, 1898.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"AUSTRALIA,"

Captain Heins will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 5th instant, at 4 P.M.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for

Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber

which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions,

Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the

Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon

are carried.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company

to and from AUSTRALIA are available for return

by the Steamers of the CHINA NAVIGATION

COMPANY and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 5th August, 1898.

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Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

MANUFACTURERS OF

AERATED WATERS.

AERATED WATERS of our manufacture are sold throughout the Far East and are invariably preferred on account of their excellence.

ABSOLUTE PURITY is guaranteed. The best materials only are used.

THE PRICES are only half those charged in England.

WATERS MANUFACTURED BY US are acknowledged by the leading English makers to be equal to those of their own production.

SIR EDWARD FRANKLAND, K.C.B., D.C.L., F.R.S., &c. the greatest living authority on Water, reports as follows on the water as prepared and used by us in our manufacture:—

"It possesses an extremely high degree of organic purity and is of most excellent quality for drinking."

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 18th June, 1898.

MARRIAGE.

On August 4th, at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, by the Rev. R. F. Cobbold, M.A., JOHN MITCHELL ATKINSON, M.B. (London), son of Rev. S. A. Atkinson of Exeter, to CLARA, eldest daughter of James Eastmond, Pudding-ton, Devon.

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case it is evident that the aims of Russia and Great Britain are diametrically opposed to one another and the situation is fast developing into a struggle between these two Powers and their supporters for supremacy in the Far East. This struggle is daily drawing nearer, and it behooves our statesmen to assure themselves as quickly as possible as to the nations that are likely to be drawn into the conflict and the sides which they are disposed to support.

It has been argued and with a great degree of reason, that Russia would strive her utmost to stave off a conflict until the completion of her great railroad, but during the last few months, affairs have taken such a course that it is more than likely that Russia has seen fit to change her policy in this respect. The eyes of the British public have at last been opened to the importance of the Far Eastern question, and to the grave danger to British trade and commerce to be apprehended from the aggressiveness of Russia. The result has been that the importance of strengthening our position in the Far East has been forced upon our Statesmen, and preparations are now in progress for the augmenting of our fleet, both at home and in the Far Eastern waters, and for the adequate garrisoning and fortifying of Wei-hai-wei. In all probability our extended naval programme and the plain statement of our policy of protecting China, together with the acquisition of Wei-hai-wei, have opened the eyes of Russia to the fact that Great Britain is no longer to be looked upon as the sleepy, goodnatured Power that she has hitherto proved herself to be, and Russia has come to the conclusion that Great Britain will be in as strong, if not a stronger, position at the date of the completion of the Trans-Siberian Railroad as she is at the present day.

Granting this to be the case, it is only too probable that Russia has come to the conclusion that there is nothing to be gained by longer postponing the execution of her designs upon China. True, she would be in a better position to fight her railroad completed, but by that time Britain would be strongly posted at Wei-hai-wei, and her fleet would have been greatly increased. As matters now stand Russia has a large military force in the Far East fully capable of holding its own against any handful of men that we have at present out here, and provided her stores of coal are sufficiently large to last for some considerable time, even perhaps until her railway is completed, she may think it advisable to strike for China at once, before we can have time to render Wei-hai-wei strong enough to resist the attack of her land forces, or can muster a sufficient number of troops on the spot to think of attempting to resist the invasion of China. This we believe may very probably be the reason of Russia's apparent change of policy, and whether or no we are correct in our suppositions, events will shortly prove. Great Britain has openly declared her policy as regards China and it now remains to be seen if Russia intends to oppose it immediately or to bide her time.

REUTER'S MESSAGE.

THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR.

LONDON, August 3rd.

The Americans have occupied Iloilo in Panto Rico amid the acclamation of the inhabitants.

It is reported at Washington from Madrid that Spain has accepted the principle of the peace conditions.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report to-day says:—On the 4th at 5 p.m. Present indications are that the centre of the typhoon will pass near and to the South of the Colony and that the gale will be a severe one from N.E. to S.E. On the 6th at 8 a.m.: Black Ball hoisted. At 11.15 a.m.: The centre of the typhoon is entering the coast probably a little to the West of St. John's Island. The barometer is rising in Hongkong, falling in Hainan. Forecast:—S.E. winds, decreasing; squally, showery.

Telegraphic communication between Gap Rock and the Observatory has been interrupted since yesterday at noon.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THERE are objections to an alliance between Uncle Sam and Bismarck on the theory that they are likely to be more loving while engaged than they are after marriage.

ON the 2nd ult. at 11 p.m. fire broke out at Tago, Sanato-gen, Awamot Prefecture. Over 200 buildings, including the post office, schools, and police station, were destroyed.

THIS year's American wheat crop is estimated to amount to 750,000,000 bushels, one of the largest on record. From Canada, we learn that several hundred thousand additional acres are under wheat, and the prospects are excellent.

A OUTED young lady asks, "Why is Uncle Sam's achievement in the Philippines like a woman's throwing a stone?" You give it up, of course, and then she says, "Because he aimed at Cuba, in the West, and hit the Philippines, in the East."

THE Marine Court inquiry into the burning of the P. & O. steamship *Ganges* came to the conclusion that the fire probably originated in the cabin of the stewardess, who was burned to death. The Court acquitted the officers and crew from all blame.

MADRID, June 20 says dispatches received from Manila to-day under date of June 24 say the Spaniards are determined to fight to the death and that there is every reason to believe that when the American troops arrive despatches fighting will occur on land and sea.

THE Cinematograph Matched on Pedder's Wharf has stood the weather very well. Business has only been "muddling" of late and the proprietors last night wisely decided not to show. To-night the fine display of pictures and the excellent cinematograph entertainment will be given as usual.

INT accordance with his annual custom the German Emperor sent a souvenir of the Battle of Waterloo to his British Regiment, the 1st Royal Dragoon, on this year's anniversary of the Duke of Wellington's victory. The gift took the form of a wreath of golden bay intended to adorn the Regimental Standard.

NEWCHWANG, says our northern contemporary, is becoming more and more Russified in appearance. Russians are swarming into Manchuria all along the line, and the port, which is already Russian by land anticipation, is full of "booted Cossacks." We hear that a branch of the Russo-Chinese Bank is being opened in Klio.

THE Anatomical museum continues to attract many visitors at 61 Queen's Road central and all the spectators express high admiration at the very graphic, instructive and interesting nature of the display. The life like specimens are such as are seldom seen in a show of this description and Mr. Silbmann the proprietor is a first rate exhibitor.

A NATIVE boat, apparently one of those usually plying between Shanghai and the city of Chang-shu, near Soochow, was observed to be drifting aimlessly past Wangsu on Friday last and when pulled to the Wangsu Jetty was found to be tenanted only by three headless bodies. It is thought that the boat must have been boarded by river pirates—especially numerous just now—and, that these men were part of the crew who resisted.

WITH reference to the recent proposals for the equipment of an English Naval Expedition to explore the South Pole or Antarctic regions, it has now been definitely decided that Her Majesty's Government are unable to promote such an undertaking, and they have expressed an opinion to that effect. Under these circumstances, the Royal Geographical Society proposes to raise a fund of £50,000 for a suitable exploring and scientific expedition, itself contributing the sum of £5,000.

DURING last year 1,741 passports for travelling in the interior were issued to foreigners, showing an increase of 127 over the number for the preceding year, says the *Kobe Chronicle*. Divided according to the nationalities, those to whom passports were issued belong to the following countries:—Great Britain, 834; America, 357; Germany, 200; China, 125; France, 84; Russia, 49; Sweden and Norway, 18; Netherlands, 15; Austria, 12; Spain, 11; Italy, 9; Portugal, 8; Belgium, 7; Denmark, 6; Turkey, 3; Greece, 1; and Switzerland, 1.

A NANCHANG, capital of Kiangsi province, dispatch states that the gentry and *Merrill* of that city have selected a Committee amongst themselves to go to Japan for a tour of inspection of the schools and colleges in that country in order to study the educational question there. On the return of the Committee it is intended to remodel all the present schools and colleges of Nanchang upon the former. The schools and colleges in the various prefectures, sub-prefectures, departments, and districts of Kiangsi will then take those of Nanchang as models. The above Committee is expected to be able to start for Japan in August next.

SHAKESPEARE'S line "Uncle lies the head that wears a crown" receives new and wider application in this country, says the *Kobe Herald*. Fear and anxiety is apparently the lot of all who come here who are in any way related to kings and potentates. The young Russian Prince whose ship is now such a prominent object in the Bay is the latest case in point. He cannot move without being shadowed by trusted Japanese officers. Where Prince

